(b) The following power/transmission projects of Madhya Pradesh are, inter alia, awaiting environmental and fores: clearance:—

1. Sanjay Gandhi TPS Extn. (1x500 MW)
2. Rajgarh TPS (2 x500 MW)
3. Marhikheda HE Project (2x20 MW (MW 20X1) 4.

Omkaroshwar Multipurpose Project (8x65 MW)

5. Gandhisagar Power House II K.E. Project (4x40 MW)
6. Bodghat (indira Sarovar) (4x125 MW)
7. Hasdeo Bangs (3x40 MW)
8. Bansagar-I to Bansagar-II (REWA) D/C 220 KV
9. VindhyachaLBina S/C 80O-KV VSTPP St. II
10. Korba-Bhilai S/C 400 KV 4th Oct. VSTPP St. If
11. Itarsi-Dhule 400 KV D/C VSTPP St. I (Add), system)
12. Bina-Malanpur 400 KV D/C.

(c) and (d) No power project of Madhya Pradesh is pending for approval of the Planning Commission or awaiting sanction of funds. As to the State sector projects mentioned at (b) they would be submitted to the Planning Commission only after necessary clearances including Environmental & Forests clearances are obtained. Likewise Central Sector projects will be submitted for investment approval after the requisite clearances are taken.

Setting up of a study group for promotion of Tourist Centres in Eastern State]

*117. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESH-WARl: SHRI MD. SALIM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

' (a) What are the plans under Govern-ment's consideration to promote some major tourist centres in Eastern States;

(b) by when some of the projects are likely to be taken up;

(c) whether Government have set up any Study Group for this purpose; and

(d) if so, what are its achievements'?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (*a)* and (b) Development of tourist centres in Eastern States is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, the centre extends financial assistance to the States on project to project basis. Sanction of funds to augment tourist facilities is a continuous process and as such no specific time limit couid be indicated.

(c) The Government of India has set up Task Force I and II for Buddhist centres which includes centres in Bihar, Orissa and Sikkim in the Eastern region.

(d) Task Force-I has recommendea certain action points to be taken up join tly by the Government of Bihar and Government of India. The OECF of Ja pan has approved loan assistance amo unting to Japanese Yen 3314 million for projects related to buddhist centres In Bihar.

Appointment of a Chief, Commissioner for NRIs

* 118. SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Central Budget, 1991-92, a reference was made regard ing appointment of a Chief Commissio ner for the NRIs;

(b) whether any steps have bsen taken by Government in this direction;

(c) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) If the answer to part (b) above be in negative, the reasons therefor?